

LONG ISLAND BOTANICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

November 1991

NEXT MEETING

"Natural History and Management of Gateway National Recreation Area" by Bob Cook of the Nat'l Park Service

WHEN: Tuesday, November 12, 1991 - 7:30 pm

WHERE: Uplands Farm Barn (The Nature Conservancy), Lawrence Hill Rd., Cold Spring Harbor

This presentation will provide an overview of the diverse flora and fauna found at Gateway, New York City's largest "natural" area, and discuss some of the programs the National Park Service is conducting to protect and restore the park's plants and wildlife.

Bob Cook is a biologist who has worked at Gateway for over 10 years. His work has included floral inventory, plant community management, inventory and management of song- and waterbirds, and restoring populations of native amphibians and reptiles.

UPCOMING MEETING

December 10, 1991 (Tentatively at Uplands Farm Barn)

Speaker: Dr. John Kiss of Hofstra University, "How Plants Perceive Gravity"

FIELD TRIPS

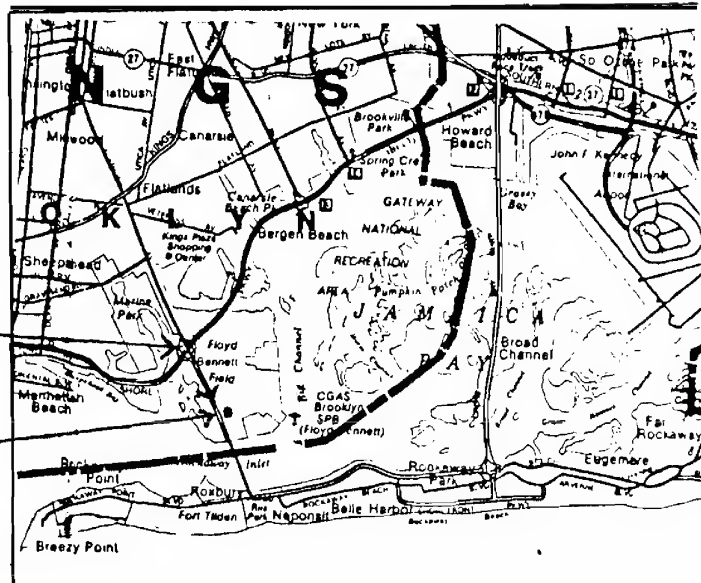
Saturday, November 9, 1991 at 10:00 am

Our last field trip for the 1991 season will take us to Floyd Bennett Field and Fort Tilden, part of Gateway National Recreation Area. Leader Bob Cook will show us some of the habitat and wildlife management aspects of these areas.

Directions: Take the Belt Parkway (Southern State Pky) to Exit 11 South (Flatbush Ave). Go 1/3 mile south to the entrance of Floyd Bennett Field, just before the toll plaza on Marine Park Bridge. Meet at 10 am at the Visitors Center just inside the gate.

Exit 11:
South

Visitors
Center on
the left.



MINUTES of the LIBS Meeting, Tuesday, October 8, 1991, at Muttontown Preserve, East Norwich

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm by Lois Lindberg, Acting President.

Barbara Conolly banded out copies of the slate of officers for the upcoming election on Tuesday, Nov. 12th, noting that independent nominations may be made from the floor prior to voting.

Lois then announced the following events:

Sat. Oct. 12th - Science Fair at **C.W. Post** College, and the LIBS permanent exhibit will be on display.

Sat. Oct 26th - A program on the Chemistry of Fall at **Garvies** Point and Welwyn Preserves.

Sat. & Sun. Nov. 2 & 3 - Wildlife Festival and Craft Fair at the Hay Barn at Planting Fields Arboretum.

Sat. Nov. 9 - LIBS field trip to Floyd Bennett Field led by Bob Cook of the **Nat'l** Park Service. If time permits, we may go to Breezy Point as well.

Tues. Nov. 12 - Bob Cook will follow up this field trip by giving us a talk **on Gateway** Recreation Area.

If winter field trips are desired, please let **Al** Lindberg know so he can set something up.

Skip Blanchard reported that John Turner had spoken to Mrs. **Beitel**, and that she is delighted by our plan to erect a plaque in her son Joe's memory-at Big Reed Pond in Montauk. (See Flora **Committee** announcements for the details). He then gave credit to Barbara Conolly for having done the spade work in putting together the slate of officers.

Eric Lamont announced the 2nd Edition of Gleason & Cronquist came out recently and can be ordered from the NY Botanical Garden. He also pointed out a nice tribute to LIBS member Steve Clemants, new President of the NY Flora Assn., in the last Torrey Botanical Newsletter. And he announced that the field trip to Caumsett on Oct. 5 had turned up Aster **acuminatus**, and a possible other site for Aster vimineus.

Following this, the business meeting was adjourned, and we had a spellbinding hour watching Hank Meier present the excellent slides of insects he had taken on Long Island, many of them right at Muttontown Preserve.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara H. Conolly

Attendance:

Hank **Meier**
Carol Johnston
Betty Lotowycz
Barbara Conolly
Joanne Tow

Bill Paterson
Lois Lindberg
Al Lindberg
Julius **Hastings**
Celia **Hastings**

Skip Blanchard
Jane Blanchard
Bob Laskowski
Louise Harrison
Bill Titus

FLORA COMMITTEE

As many of you know, we have proposed **the** placement of a plaque at Big Reed Pond in memory of Joe **Beitel**. The pond, a Suffolk County preserve, was one of **Joe's** favorite botanical haunts, rich in fern hybrids **and invariably** a stop on the annual orchid trip that he led. We now have permission through John Turner to install the plaque, and just last month John told me that Art Cooley, **Joe's** long-time mentor, had spoken to **Joe's** mother about our plan. Mrs. **Beitel** was touched by the gesture and gladly gave her approval.

A plaque will cost about \$350 and it is possible that there will be some additional costs for its installation. We are inviting the members of the Long Island Botanical Society to share in this special tribute to Joe by making a contribution toward the purchase of the plaque. Carol Johnston has agreed to receive and keep track of the donations. Checks may be made out to "**Long Island Botanical Society**" and sent to

Carol Johnston
347 Duck Pond Road
Locust Valley, NY 11560

Any contributions in excess of the cost of the plaque and its installation will be **used to** defray the costs of a planned publication on the current status of ferns on Long Island, along the lines of the one on Long Island orchids by Joe, Eric Lamont and Bob Zaremba. The fern paper will be prepared by the Flora Committee and will be dedicated to Joe.

Skip Blanchard, Chairman

The Committee:

Steve Clemants
Barbara Conolly
Jane Hoar
Eric Lamont
Lois Lindberg
Chris **Mangels**
Abe Schwartz

Andy Greller
Carol Johnston
Al Lindberg
Betty Lotowycz
Vince Puglisi
Bob Zaremba

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The Long Island **Botanical** Society membership will vote on a new slate of officers at the November meeting.

Nominated are:

President: Eric Lamont

Vice-President: Christopher Mangels

Treasurer: Carol Johnston

Corresponding Secretary: Jane Blanchard

Recording Secretary: Barbara H. Conolly

In addition, these LIBS members have **agreed** to serve as chairmen of the following committees:

*Program: Eric Lamont

Field Trip: **Al** Lindberg

*Flora: Skip Blanchard

*Conservation: John Turner and Louise Harrison, **Co-chairmen**

*Membership: Lois Lindberg

Hospitality: Joanne Tow and ~~Nancy~~ ^{Shirley} Smith, Co-chairmen

Newsletter Editor: Steve Clemants

*Standing Committees as described in the By-Laws

Prior to the voting, independent nominations may be received from the floor.

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